



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
August 13, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 13, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, real property negotiations, regarding real property located at 2799 Walnut Avenue.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: City Manager.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public business from the floor.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:02 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:16 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney reported on closed session items. Item (a) was not discussed. Item (b) was discussed, status report given, and no reportable action taken.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was no new public business from the floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Woods made the following announcements:

The last concert in the Concerts in the Park series will be on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Signal Hill Park.

Giveaway to celebrate the City's 95th Anniversary every Wednesday during the Concerts in the Park series. Join us on Wednesday, August 14 and visit the Sustainable City Committee booth to receive a free picnic blanket.

Miss Tracey's Ballyhoo Story Show on Friday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Library. Call (562) 989-7323 to register.

Anyhaus Theatre on Saturday, August 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Library. Call (562) 989-7323 for more information.

Mayor Woods spoke in memory of long time Signal Hill resident Marjorie Grommé.

Mayor Woods read the Proclamations in recognition of the recent Library grand opening from Senator Lena Gonzalez, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, and Fourth District Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

PRESENTATION

- a. Aaron Nevarez, representative from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk made a presentation on the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) project and the future of elections in Los Angeles County.

City Council and City Clerk asked questions regarding the VSAP and the future of elections in the Los Angeles County.

Mr. Nevarez and City Manager addressed the questions posed by City Council and City Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. A Conditional Use Permit to Operate an Adult Day Care Facility at 695 E. 27th Street

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced Assistant Planner who presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods asked questions regarding the Conditional Use Permit.

Assistant Planner addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods and announced the property owner was present to address questions.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Woods invited the public to speak in favor or in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit.

Julia Lowe, representative of the applicant and State Director of Dungarvin, introduced herself and offered to answer questions.

Council Member Wilson requested the property owner come forward.

Bill Goldsmith, property owner of the project site, introduced himself and addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson and Mayor Woods.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-08-6330 approving Conditional Use Permit 19-01, a request to operate an adult day care facility at 695 E. 27th Street in the Commercial General (CG) zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-08-6330:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 19-01, A REQUEST TO OPERATE AN ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY AT 695 E. 27TH STREET IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Workshop – Cannabis Regulation

Council Member Wilson announced his current employer and asked City Attorney for guidance on potential conflict of interest.

City Attorney and Council Member Wilson discussed the potential conflict of interest.

City Manager presented the staff report and introduced Ben Jones with Aleshire & Wynder, Community Development Director, and Deputy City Manager who presented parts of the presentation.

Council Member Hansen and Vice Mayor Copeland asked questions regarding the City of Long Beach cannabis budget.

City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen and Vice Mayor Copeland.

Council Member Hansen left the Council Chamber at 8:36 p.m.

Council Member Hansen returned to the Council Chamber at 8:42 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding cannabis regulation.

Deputy City Manager, Police Chief, and City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

A member of the audience invited City Council to tour cannabis facilities in the

Los Angeles area.

Steve Strichart, Signal Hill resident, commented on cannabis regulation.

Gene Rotondo with Long Beach Collective Association introduced himself and commented on tax revenue and costs of cannabis operations.

City Council and staff discussed a community survey and financial analysis of cannabis regulations.

Mayor Woods requested a study of operational costs of various permitted cannabis businesses in comparable cities.

Council Member Wilson spoke in favor of permitting cannabis operations in the City.

City Council discussed Proposition 64 and ballot measure initiatives related to cannabis dispensaries.

Mayor Woods commented on the cannabis facility in Adelanto, California.

City Clerk and Council Member Wilson commented on and asked questions regarding medicinal use of CBD products.

City Manager and Deputy City Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Deputy City Manager clarified and confirmed City Council's direction for staff.

City Council commented and discussed the cannabis industry and regulations, and provided staff with direction.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to receive and file the presentation; and direct the City Manager to complete a community survey, conduct a financial analysis, and determine demand from cannabis businesses to locate in Signal Hill.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

City Manager thanked Gene Rotondo and Lambert Adouki for coordinating the Proposition 64 Subcommittee cannabis facility tours.

b. Resolution Establishing the Special Assignments of Administrative Sergeant and Homeless Liaison Officer Within the Police Department

City Manager introduced Human Resources Manager who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Copeland, Mayor Woods, Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding the special assignments, and Police Department structure and staffing.

Human Resources Manager and Police Chief addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland, Mayor Woods, and Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

Jeff Poor, President of Signal Hill Police Officers Association, spoke in support of the establishment of the special assignments.

Council Member Wilson commented on the Homeless Liaison Officer.

Council Member Jones commented on the establishment of the special assignments.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to authorize staff to update the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Personnel Summary to decrease the number of Police Officer positions by two, add the position of Administrative Sergeant, and decrease the overall number of Police Department positions by one; approve a side letter amending "Section 3 - Special Assignments" of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Officers Association

to include the two new special assignments, with said letter to be memorialized in the MOU during the next update; and waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-08-6331 establishing special assignments of Police Administrative Sergeant and Police Homeless Liaison Officer, and amending Resolution No. 2019-06-6326 to include the special assignment pay salary ranges in the city-wide pay schedule.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-08-6331:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS OF POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT AND POLICE HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICER, AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06-6326 TO INCLUDE THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PAY SALARY RANGES IN THE CITY-WIDE PAY SCHEDULE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Resolution Authorizing Abatement of Nuisances and Cost Recovery at 3309 Lemon Avenue

City Manager introduced Planning Manager who presented the staff report.

Council Member Hansen asked questions regarding the condition of the property and abatement procedures.

Planning Manager addressed the questions posed by Council Member Hansen.

Mayor Woods invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-08-

6332 authorizing the abatement of nuisances and cost recovery for 3309 Lemon Avenue.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2019-08-6332:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES AND COST RECOVERY FOR 3309 LEMON AVENUE

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

d. Lease Agreement with Long Beach Eurocars, LLC for Properties Located at 2690 Cherry Avenue and 2689 St. Louis Avenue

City Manager introduced Economic Development Manager who presented the staff report.

Mayor Woods invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Jones asked questions regarding the properties.

City Manager and Economic Development Manager addressed the questions posed by Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Jones.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER JONES to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement for properties located at 2690 Cherry Avenue and 2689 St. Louis Avenue between the City of Signal Hill and Long Beach Eurocars, LLC in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

e. Formation of Subcommittee to Review Water Rate Analysis

City Manager presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Copeland volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Mayor Woods invited the public to comment on the agenda item.

There was no public comment.

Council Member Wilson volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

The City Council appointed Vice Mayor Copeland and Council Member Wilson to serve on a subcommittee to review the preliminary financial analysis performed on the cost to provide water service and develop recommendations for any necessary water rate adjustments.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Resolution Amending Conflict of Interest Code

Summary: Government Code Section 87300 et. seq. requires local governments to review their conflict of interest code to determine its accuracy or make amendments. It is necessary to amend the City's Conflict of Interest Code to remove the Oversight Board and update the schedule of designated employees.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2019-08-6333 amending Resolution No. 2017-09-6230, amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Signal Hill.

b. Authorize Solicitation of a Request for Proposals to Provide Contract Professional Staffing and Plan Check Services

Summary: The City Council will consider authorizing staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain one additional firm for the provision of contract professional staffing for the Building and Oil Field Services Divisions of the Community Development Department and building plan check services. Retention of an additional firm will provide the City with additional flexibility in the delivery of these services to maintain the City's high level of customer service.

Recommendation: Authorize the Community Development Director to issue the RFP.

c. Contract Services Agreement with Resilient Communications, Inc. for Citywide Voice/Data System Upgrade Services

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a Contract Services Agreement with Resilient Communications, Inc. to provide citywide voice/data system upgrade services. The City currently contracts with Resilient Communications, Inc. for support and maintenance of the existing citywide Cisco voice system.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement between the City of Signal Hill and Resilient Communications, Inc. for citywide voice/data system upgrade services, in the amount of \$65,358, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Warrant Register Dated August 13, 2019

Summary: The Warrant Register is a listing of all general checks issued since the prior warrant register and warrants to be released upon City Council approval.

Recommendation: Authorize payment of Warrant Register dated August 13,

2019.

e. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of July 23, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Wilson requested pulling Consent Calendar item (c).

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve Consent Calendar items (a), (b), (d), and (e).

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
 VICE MAYOR COPELAND
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Contract Services Agreement with Resilient Communications, Inc. for Citywide Voice/Data System Upgrade Services

Police Chief presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson asked questions regarding caller ID and voicemail notification service.

Police Chief addressed the questions posed by Council Member Wilson.

Mayor Woods asked a question regarding the agreement.

Police Chief addressed the question posed by Mayor Woods.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to approve Consent Calendar item (c).

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wilson spoke in memory of Marjorie Grommé.

City Council commented and thanked staff for the grand opening of the new Library.

Vice Mayor Copeland requested the Library grand opening program be posted on the City website.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR COPELAND and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of long time Signal Hill resident Marjorie Grommé. The next regular meeting of the Signal Hill City Council will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WOODS
VICE MAYOR COPELAND
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WOODS adjourned the meeting at 10:23 p.m.

LORI Y. WOODS
MAYOR

Attest:

CARMEN R. BROOKS
CITY CLERK